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In re application of:

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Network

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Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to reviewing the above-subject application on its merits, it is respectfully requested that the following amendments and remarks be considered and entered.

In The Specification:

Please revise page 1, paragraph 1, of the specification to read as follows:

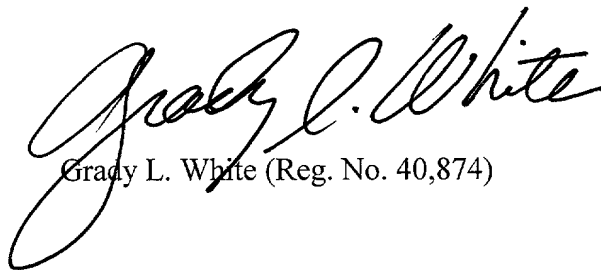
--The present application is a continuation of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/288,622, filed April 9, 1999 and claims priority to the following provisional applications: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK CONFIGURATION MANAGEMENT, U.S. Serial No. 60/121,425, filed February 23, 1999, and SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR NETWORK MANAGEMENT, U.S. Serial No. 60/121,429, filed February 23, 1999.--

These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. A separate sheet is attached to reflect the revisions to page 1, paragraph 1, of the specification.

Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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**Mark-Up Sheet Reflecting Amendments to the Specification for
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